

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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Notice DAP-130

For: State and County Offices

Quality Loss Program for Apples and Potatoes (QLP-AP) Payment Authorization

Approved by: Acting Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

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Background

Notice DAP-129 advised State and County Offices to:

- immediately begin issuing QLP-AP payments to all producers on approved applications
- issue all QLP-AP payments by COB April 5, 2002.

In addition, Notice DAP-129 provided that once all QLP-AP payments are issued:

- the 1999 and 2000 QLP-AP payment processing options will be disabled
 - CDP, QLP, and QLP-AP application processing options will be re-enabled.
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Purpose

This notice provides:

- the software options that will be re-enabled and disabled on April 8, 2002
 - instructions for requesting QLP-AP payment authorization codes after the QLP-AP payment process is permanently disabled
 - instructions for requesting relief under QLP-AP.
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Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2002	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

2 Software Modifications

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Introduction

Numerous problems have been identified since the national payment factor was downloaded and County Offices began issuing QLP-AP payments, including but not limited to:

- subsidiary files for 1999 that were not updated to reflect producer eligibility
 - COC adjustments need to be recorded that affect the earned payment amount
 - QLP-AP application data not updated properly in the system
 - QLP-AP application was not loaded in the system.
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Issuing QLP-AP Payments

Because of the specific funding allocation for QLP-AP, the payment processing options cannot be enabled if the CDP or QLP application options are enabled. Therefore, on April 5, 2002, KC-ITSDO will transmit software to County Offices that:

- permanently disables 1999 and 2000 QLP-AP payment processing
- re-enables 1999 and 2000 CDP application processing options
- re-enables 2000 QLP application processing options
- re-enables 1999 and 2000 QLP-AP application processing options.

Note: The software transmitted on April 5, 2002 will be effective during start-of-day processing on April 8, 2002.

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3 QLP-AP Payment Authorization Codes and Requests for Relief

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QLP-AP Payment Authorization Code

Because the payment software for QLP-AP will be disabled after COB April 5, 2002, future QLP-AP payments may only be issued if the County Office has been provided a payment authorization code. This includes payments resulting from:

- appeal cases
- corrections or adjustments affecting calculated QLP-AP payment amounts
- timely filed applications for which payments were not issued by COB April 5.

Note: Authorization codes for QLP-AP payments will be issued, if applicable, until program funding is exhausted.

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QLP-AP Request for Relief

If a producer failed to meet program requirements or filed an incorrect application based on advice or guidance from an FSA employee, DAFP has the authority to consider program requirements met because misaction/misinformation has occurred. DAFP must approve a request for relief of misaction/misinformation cases before QLP-AP payments can be issued.

Example: County Office erroneously advised a producer unharvested production was ineligible for QLP-AP benefits.

Meritorious circumstances other than misaction/misinformation may justify relief in a particular case. DAFP must approve a request for relief of meritorious cases before QLP-AP payments can be issued.

Example: Producer failed to meet program requirements because of a life threatening illness.

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State Office Action

State Offices shall:

- request QLP-AP payment authorization codes from PECD, Compliance Branch, by FAX at 202-720-4941
 - transmit QLP-AP relief cases to DAFP by FAX at 202-690-2130
 - submit the following required documentation when requesting QLP-AP payment authorization codes and/or relief:
 - Producer's QLP-AP Application, CCC-557AP
 - Entitlement Report
 - Producer Payment History
 - MABDIG
 - a narrative explanation of the case history justifying the request for payment authorization
 - COC or STC minutes documenting misaction/misinformation cases, if applicable
 - FSA-321 for misaction/misinformation cases, if applicable.
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